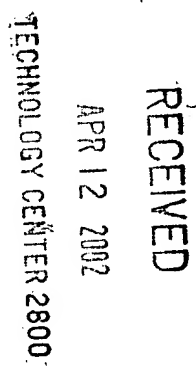
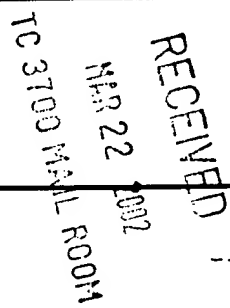
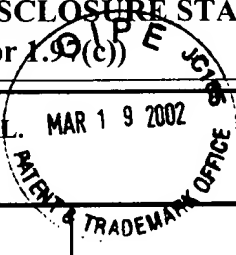


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Address to: <b>Assistant Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>Washington, D.C. 20231</b>				
<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>37 CFR 1.97(b)</b> </div> <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <b>37 CFR 1.97(c)</b> </div> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:</p> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <b>OR</b> </div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).         </div>				



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<div style="text-align: center;"><b>Payment of Fee</b> (Only complete if Applicant elects to pay the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p))</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 60%;"><p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ is attached.</p><p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <b>061138</b> as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p><div style="margin-left: 20px;"><p><input type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of _____</p><p><input type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.</p><p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required.</p></div></div><div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;"><div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED</div><div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold;">MAR 22 2002</div><div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold;">TC 3700 MAIL ROOM</div></div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><div style="width: 45%;"><p style="text-align: center;"><b>Certificate of Transmission by Facsimile*</b></p><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">I certify that this document and authorization to charge deposit account is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (F</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">_____ (Date)</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">_____ Signature</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">_____ Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate</div></div><div style="width: 45%;"><p style="text-align: center;"><b>Certificate of Mailing by First Class Mail</b></p><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">I certify that this document and fee is being deposited <b>MARCH 12, 2002</b> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><b>JESSICA HORVATH</b></div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">_____ Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Certificate</div></div></div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"><p><b>*This certificate may only be used if paying by deposit account.</b></p><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"><div style="width: 40%;"> _____ Signature</div><div style="width: 50%; text-align: right;"><p>Dated: <b>MARCH 12, 2002</b></p><div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED</div><div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold;">APR 12 2002</div><div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold;">TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800</div></div></div><div style="margin-top: 10px;"><p><b>H.M. BEDINGFIELD</b> <b>REGISTRATION NO. 44,530</b> <b>CUSTOMER NO. 23413</b> <b>TELEPHONE NO. 286-2929</b></p></div></div>			

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